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Upcoming Events

Class AAA Meeting: Aug. 28, 2024 – 10:00 am

Class AA Meeting: Aug. 29, 2024 – 9:00 am

Sep. 2, 2024: SCHSL Office Closed - Labor Day

Class AAAAA: Sep. 4, 2024 – 9:00 am

Class AAAA Meeting: Sep. 5, 2024 – 10:00 am

**NFHS Section Meeting - Cherokee, NC
Sep. 6, 2024 – Sep. 10, 2024**

JOBS

**For job openings around the
SCHSL, visit www.schsl.org/jobs**

STAY ON THE BENCH!!

After just one week of football, we've seen approximately 28 ejections, most due to physical violence. This is a concerning trend, and we urge each of our member schools to actively educate both student-athletes and coaches on the importance of maintaining composure during games.

One area that needs immediate attention is the number of student-athletes leaving the bench to join heated situations on the field. To address this, we recommend implementing specific drills that reinforce the importance of staying put. Use code phrases like "stay in place" or "take a seat" to remind players of their responsibility to remain on the bench during altercations.

It is crucial to emphasize that coaches and officials are the ones responsible for handling conflicts. When players leave the bench to get involved, it not only escalates the situation but also results in severe consequences, including ejection and suspensions.

By consistently reinforcing these guidelines and practicing these drills, we can work together to reduce ejections and maintain the integrity of our games. Let's make it clear: staying on the bench is not just about following the rules—it's about ensuring the safety and sportsmanship of everyone involved.

STAY ON THE BENCH!!





SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Something to Think About is a periodic write-up from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Communications & Public Relations Department. The write-up is located under the Communications Link on the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org.

As we start the new school year, there are already fake SCHSL social media pages circulating, and fake companies pretending to be the broadcast partners of the SCHSL.

The first column for the 2024-25 school year provides vital information about the **official** social media accounts and **official** broadcast partner of the SCHSL.

Below is a graphic with the **official SCHSL social media pages**. All other pages using the SCHSL logo or anything similar, are unofficial, and the South Carolina High School League highly suggests unfollowing and discourages following them.

Please note, SCHSL uses  as the profile picture on its official Facebook, and official X (formerly Twitter) page and Instagram uses  as the profile picture on the SCHSL official page.

Additionally, the SCHSL has only **ONE** official network that broadcasts its events, www.nfhsnetwork.com. In the event you receive an email or social media graphic with the opportunity to order an event from one of the fake pages offers, **DO NOT CLICK THE LINK**, it is a **fraudulent link** that aims to obtain your personal information (i.e., credit card information, debit card, etc.).

When in doubt, reach out to Romanda@schsl.org, for verification.

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2024-25 League Pass

Superintendents and Principals

We have received many emails regarding the link to upload the photo to the pass. The link will only work if you already have a pass. It does not request the pass for you.

Information pertaining to the process for applying for SCHSL passes was sent via e-mail from the Director of Technology on August 9, 2024. Please refer to the email as it contains important information about the process.

The Magic Link is a way to verify your identity without having to create an account and password. It's a shortcut.

Below is the process for obtaining the 2024-25 passes:

1. Superintendent or Principal fills out a Cognito form containing each person who will receive a pass.
2. Data is uploaded into Cuseum's database.
3. Emails are sent to each recipient listed on Cognito form with download instructions.
4. Once you download the Pass, the Pass recipient can upload their photo using the photo upload link.

- The email with the pass download instructions will come from membership@cuseum.com.
- The email with the magic link will come from memberportal@cuseum.com.

If you have any questions, please email the Director of Technology, Keith Warren at keith@schsl.org

Retiree Passes: We are in the process of converting to a new digital system. Individuals needing a retiree pass should fill out the High School League pass request form. Once the system conversion is complete, the applications will be processed, and the instructions to download the Retiree Pass will be emailed.

Book Order Links

The links to order SCHSL Rule Books, Case Books, and Umpire Manuals are available on the home page of the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org. The links can be found on the right side of the page under Quick Links. You can also access the pages by clicking below.

[SCHSL Rules Books, Case Books, and Umpire Manuals](#)

For additional information, contact Office Coordinator, Maeocephala Jenkins-Suber at Maeocephala@schsl.org.

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2024-25 State Finals Information

The dates and times for the 2024-25 SCHSL State Finals for the sports listed below can be found by clicking the following link: [2024-25 SCHSL State Finals Dates and Times](#)

Swimming
Volleyball
Girls Tennis
Cross Country
Football
Basketball
Wrestling Duals
Lacrosse
Boys Tennis
Track and Field
Soccer



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Sanctioning

With the kick-off for fall sports season, please be reminded that any event outside of regular season play, must be sanctioned by the League. Sanctioning requests must be submitted online using the following link: <https://schsldirectory.knack.com/sanctioning#sanctioning/>.

Reminder: If your school hosts a jamboree for any sport, a jamboree financial statement must be completed and sent to the League within 15 days of the event. All financial forms are located on the SCHSL website by sports season. A link to the jamboree financial form can be found here: <https://schsl.org/archives/3284>.

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Director of Finance at cindi@schsl.org.

Nominate Your Chain Crew



Once again this football season the SCHSL is proud to partner with South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance to recognize the Chain Crew of the Week. We encourage you to nominate your crew for this honor by filling out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/222336706249053>.

Each week, we will choose one of the nominated crews and put them in the spotlight by sending you special vests for them to wear, along with a PA message for you to utilize during that week's game. We will also ask that their picture be taken in the Chain Crew of the Week vests and provided to the SCHSL office for use in social media and website recognition. If you have any questions about this initiative, please email Derek@schsl.org.

Thanks, as always, for supporting the Chain Crew of the Week promotion and good luck this season!

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MaxPreps Stats Widget



The SCHSL is introducing MaxPreps stats leaderboards to the association website! An email will be sent once the stats integration is updated on the SCHSL website.

We are encouraging all coaches to enter stats information on the MaxPreps website after each game to highlight your team's and athletes accomplishments throughout the season. This stats leaderboard also will be a great resource to our high school community.

If you need access to your team account, please contact MaxPreps SCHSL rep Aaron Hendricks at ahendricks@maxpreps.com.

You can also download the MaxPreps app to help keep your information updated.

High School Today Magazine is Digital

After 17 years, High School Today (HST) magazine, produced by the NFHS, has gone to a digital format. May 2024 was the last printed issue of the Magazine.

Don't worry! HST will continue to be the "national voice of education-based athletic and fine arts activities" and provide current and relevant information to athletic directors, coaches, principals, superintendents and officials.

To continue to get HST delivered to your email fill out the form at this link: <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/high-school-today-information-request-form/#>.

Note: The May 2024 issue contains an e-mail signup QR Code on the cover.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

Tragically, an Alabama high school football player passed away after sustaining a head injury during a football game last Friday. Although the exact cause of death is unknown at this time, let this incident serve as a reminder to make sure we are diligent with recognizing the signs and symptoms of a suspected concussion.

In the worst case scenario, an athlete may develop second impact syndrome where they sustain a second concussion before the original one has healed. This second impact can cause rapid and severe brain swelling, leading to catastrophic consequences such as brain damage, permanent disability, or even death.

It is imperative that an athlete who exhibits and/or reports any signs of a concussion be evaluated by an appropriate health care professional before returning to play. For more information on concussions and second impact syndrome visit the CDC website below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/>

All questions related to the information contained in this section should be directed to the Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness Tim Kinney at Tim@schsl.org.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officials' Whistle

NFHS OFFICIAL'S CODE OF ETHICS

Officials are the unsung heroes of our high school athletic contests. They uphold the integrity of the sports they officiate and help to provide a safe environment for our student-athletes to play. Did you know they have a Code of Ethics that they use as the guide to perform the duties? Here are a few guidelines:

Officials shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.

Officials shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interaction with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues, and the public.

Officials shall, while enforcing the rules of play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes. Where appropriate, they shall inform event management of conditions or situations that appear unreasonably hazardous.

You can find the full NFHS Code of Ethics for officials here: [NFHS Officials Code of Ethics](#)

All questions related to the information contained in this section should be directed to Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at sarah@schsl.org.

Tools for Success

The Fall Captains' Course: A Resounding Success!

We're thrilled to share that the Fall Captains' Course was a tremendous hit! We were honored to host two outstanding speakers who left a lasting impact on our participants.

Paula Kirkland, a 15-time state championship coach and NFHS Hall of Famer, delivered an inspiring framework for leadership both on and off the court, field, and course. Her emphasis on using your voice positively and building strong connections was truly eye-opening.

Brandon Morton, Jackson State University Coach/Recruiter, shared invaluable insights on the importance of fundamental values and creating a unique process to achieve unique results. His guidance is sure to resonate with our captains as they prepare for the upcoming season.

For those who missed out, don't worry! You can still access this incredible course. Click the link below to watch the session and gain the same insights that prepared our Fall Captains for success.

[Access the Fall Captains' Course](#)

Here's to a successful season ahead!

All questions related to the information contained in this section should be directed to the Director of Educational Services Dr. Curtrell Rhodan at curtrell@schsl.org.